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Forest

Extent of forests added to the reserves in South Kanara.

*687 Q.—Mr. A. B. Shetty: Will the hon. the Law Member be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether any forests have been added to the reserves in South Kanara during the last two years and, if so, where and what their extent is; and

(*b*) whether there is any proposal to reserve further areas?

A.—(*a*) No.

(*b*) The attention of the hon. Member is invited to the answer given to clause (*b*) of the Legislative Council question No. 1251 answered on 24th January 1930.

Mr. A. B. Shetty :—" With reference to clause (*b*) of the question, may I know from the hon. Law Member what extent of land is proposed to be reserved in Kasaragod taluk and whether that area contains patta lands?"

The hon. Diwan Bahadur Sir M. Krishnan Nayar :—" I have referred my hon. Friend to the answer given to question No. 1251, which gives all the details."

Mr. A. B. Shetty :—" May I know what progress has since been made after that question was answered?"

The hon. Diwan Bahadur Sir M. Krishnan Nayar :—" No progress has since been made after that question was answered."

Mr. A. B. Shetty :—" May I know, Sir, whether the neighbouring land-holders have protested against this proposal of reservation?"

The hon. Diwan Bahadur Sir M. Krishnan Nayar :—" So far as I am aware, not; but for an accurate answer, I want notice."

Mr. U. C. Subrahmanya Bhatt :—" What is the necessity for reserving any more forests?"

The hon. Diwan Bahadur Sir M. Krishnan Nayar :—" I can only refer my hon. Friend to the answer to the question referred to in the answer."

Diwan Bahadur M. Gopalaswami Mudaliyar :—" May I know whether the hon. Law Member is aware of the fact that in the Bellary district there is what is known as a Kosgi reserve and that there are very many applications for its disaforestation?"

The hon. the President :—" That question does not arise out of this."

Mr. U. C. Subrahmanya Bhatt :—" May I know whether the Malaria Officer who was such to investigate the cause of malaria has reported that the spread of malaria is co-extensive with the spread of reserve forests?"

The hon. Diwan Bahadur Sir M. Krishnan Nayar :—" I am not aware of it."